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LONDON FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDMONDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, BC, US
SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT

1. SECRETARY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MPOTOKWANE ASKED TO SEE ME LATE AFTERNOON DEC. 30 TO SOLICIT U.S. SUPPORT FOR BOTSWANA'S COMPLAINT TO UNSC. HE EXPECTED UNSC CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM LATE IN THE WEEK OF JAN. 10, EXPLAINING THAT FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET JAN. 8 AND 9, THAT EXTAFF MIN MOGWE WILL REPRESENT BOTSWANA AT THAT MEETING AND ALSO AT SC MEETING. HENCE THE EXPECTATION OF MEETING LATE IN THE WEEK OF JAN. 10. (MPOTOKWANE ADDED THAT LUSAKA IS PRESENTLY EXPECTED TO BE THE SITE OF THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS' MEETING BUT NOTED THAT THIS WAS NOT FIRM.)

2. MPTOKWANE SAID GOB HAS IN MIND TWO OBJECTIVES IN THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF ANY SC RESOLUTION. FIRST WOULD BE TO ASK UN MEMBERS TO GIVE BOTSWANA ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO COMPESATE FOR "REGRETTABLE NECESSITY TO TRANSFER RESOURCES" TO
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POLICE MOBILE UNITS (PMU) WHOSE BUILDUP REQUIRED BY RHODESIAN ATTACKS; SECOND, GOB IS THINKING OF INVITING SC TO SEND A SMALL MISSION TO BOTSWANA TO "VIEW THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND". HE EMPHASIZED BOTSWANA HAS NOTHING TO HIDE AND WANTED TO SHOW PEOPLE "BURNED BILLAGES AND BOMBED HOUSES" AS WELL AS EVIDENCE RHODESIA WAS RESPONSIBLE. AT ONE POINT HE DESCRIBED IT AS

"FACT-FINDING MISSION" COMPARABLE TO ONE THAT HAD EARLIER BEEN
SENT TO ZAMBIA.

3. COMMENT: GOB IS APPARENTLY MAKING SAME REQUEST FOR SUPPORT
OF ITS SC COMPLAINT TO OTHER MISSIONS HERE; SOVIET CHARGE' WAS
NEXT IN LINE TO SEE MPTOKWANE.

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